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Water survey on Jones Creek and Clay Cut Bayou rescheduled

BATON ROUGE – The schedule for the water survey of Jones Creek and Clay Cut Bayou in East Baton Rouge Parish has changed. It will be conducted next week assuming that conditions will be appropriate to conduct the survey. The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality will be installing electronic monitoring equipment on Sept. 2 in Southeast Baton Rouge. Samples will be taken on Sept. 3.

The survey is being conducted to gather water quality information that will be used to restore and protect the water body. The data gathered from the survey will be used to identify suspected pollutants in the water body that may cause or contribute to low oxygen levels in the water.

Citizens are asked not to tamper with the equipment that will be mounted on rebar, fence posts, white PVC poles or buoys. During the survey, a bright red, non-toxic dye will be injected into the water. Citizens who notice the red coloration of the water should not be alarmed. The water body will return to its normal state and color by the end of the day. The dye is used to determine flow and distribution patterns of the bayou. There are 6 Sewage Treatment facilities in this subsegment that are slated to be sampled by WQ Surveys Section Personnel during the survey

For further information about the TMDL program and the watershed sampling survey, please contact Kirk Manuel with DEQ at (225) 219-3513 or visit the website at <http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/portal/tabid/130/Default.aspx>.

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